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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATED U.S. PROPERTY IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

REFS: (A) STATE 24684; (B) KINSHASA 1529

1. FOLLOWING IS THE REPORT (FRG NUMBER 3) OF FRG AMBASSADOR DERIX IN BRAZZAVILLE ON THE DELIVERY OF THE SUBJECT NOTE TO THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT. (REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 18, WAS RECEIVED AMEMBASSY BONN ON FEBRUARY 25.)

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF A NOTE TO THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT

I HAVE PERSONALLY SUBMITTED THE NOTE VERBALE
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MR.
ALIHOUNOU, ON FEBRUARY 18, AND DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM.
THE DIRECTOR OF THE SECTION IN CHARGE OF THE U.S.,
MR. OKOMBI, WAS ALSO PRESENT. DUE TO THE TIME
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LIMITATION INVOLVED, A COPY OF THE NOTE WAS SENT TO THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINING ON THE SAME DAY.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID, FOLLOWING THE DELIVERY OF THE NOTE, THAT HE WOULD PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO THE DEPARTMENTS IN CHARGE IMMEDIATELY. THE NOTE WOULD BE ANSWERED

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE $60~\mathrm{DAY}$ DEADLINE.

MY CONVERSATION PARTNER USED THE OPPORTUNITY, IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE CONGOLESE STAND ON NORMALIZATION OF THE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., TO SAY THAT THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO TAKE UP THE SUSPENDED RELATIONS WITH THE US BY REOPENING THE EMBASSIES AT ANY TIME. HE SAID THAT GREAT HOPES WERE SET ON PRESIDENT CARTER. THE CHIEF OF STATE, NGOUABI, TRIED TO GIVE PRESIDENT CARTER A SIGNAL WITH HIS CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO HIM ON HIS INAUGURATION. AN AMERICAN GESTURE WAS NOW BEING AWAITED.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY BE ADVISED. DERIX

END TEXT.

- 3. FOR KINSHASA: WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN MATTER. FRG EMBASSY KINSHASA WAS INFO ADDRESSEE ON DERIX' CABLE.
- 4. FOR DEPARTMENT: FONOFF APOLOGIZES FOR DELAY IN TRANSMISSION. MESSAGE WAS APPARENTLY MISROUTED WITHIN FONOFF. STOESSEL

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